Delete the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 1, and ending at page 14, line 11, and replace with the following:

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FIGS. 6(a) and 6(b) show the internal structure of the optical finder 31; FIG. 6(a) shows the telecentric state, and FIG. 6(b) shows the wide state. The optical finder 31 is provided with a finder zoom lens comprising objective lens 310a, lens 310b and an eyepiece lens 310c as a finder optical system, and the magnification is changed by moving the lens 310b in the optical axis direction via the drive of the finder motor 311. The magnification of the finder zoom lens 310 is limited, and in the present embodiment the obtainable magnification is between 1.0~3.0.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct typographical errors.

This Amendment does not increase the total number of claims, does not increase the number of independent claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims and thus, no fee is required. However, if a fee is required, please charge any fee (other than an issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley & Austin's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The following is a marked-up version of the changes to the specification, which are being made in the attached Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22, and ending at page 7, line 6,:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE [DSRAWINGS] DRAWINGS

In the following description, like parts are designated by like reference numbers throughout the several drawings.

FIG. 1 is a front view of a digital camera of an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a back view of a digital camera of an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a side view of a digital camera of an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a bottom view of a digital camera of an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 is a block diagram showing the internal structure of the digital camera of an embodiment of the present invention;

[FIG. 6 shows] FIGS. 6(a) and 6(b) show the internal structure of the optical finder;

FIG. 7 is a block diagram showing the structure of the image processor;

FIG. 8 shows the condition of the electronic zoom process;

FIG. 9 is a flow chart showing the processing sequence from power ON to power OFF;

FIG. 10 is a flow chart showing the initialization process sequence;

FIG. 11 is a flow chart showing the zoom process sequence during the photography standby;

FIG. 12 is a flow chart showing the process of LCD automatic display control;

FIG. 13 is a flow chart showing the LCD ON/OFF control process sequence;

FIG. 14 is a flow chart showing the warning LED control process sequence; and

FIG. 15 shows a modification of the warning means.

The paragraph beginning at page 14, line 1, and ending at page 14, line 11:

[FIG. 6 shows] FIGS. 6(a) and 6(b) show the internal structure of the optical finder 31; FIG. 6(a) shows the telecentric state, and FIG. 6(b) shows the wide state. The optical finder 31 is provided with a finder zoom lens comprising objective lens 310a, lens 310b and an eyepiece lens 310c as a finder optical system, and the magnification is changed by moving the lens 310b in the optical axis direction via the drive of the finder motor 311. The magnification of the finder zoom lens 310 is limited, and in the present embodiment the obtainable magnification is between 1.0~3.0.